

Minutes Friends of the Salem Library January 8, 2017

The January 8, 2017, meeting of the Friends of the Salem Library was called to order by the president, Ken Sosnowski.

Eleven members were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Joyce Foster gave the Treasurer's report. We started the time of the report with 3 CDs. The money in our Penfed CD (Pentagon Federal Credit Union) has been increased. Our total spending for the Library totaled \$12,502.16 in 2016. The net total from the 2016 Book Sale was \$ 7,380.88. We continue to receive a good flow of funds from the contract printer profits.

#### OLD BUSINESS

We have a lead on a CPA for an audit but have been unable to reach him. Ann Tripp will make some inquiries.

Items we allocated money for to be used with the children have arrived. The rug for story time is working well. Members are encouraged to check out the other items in the children's area.

David Butler's new program we helped fund is scheduled to start this week and will meet twice a month for now.

There is a plan for some pre-sorting for the book sale. Ken is looking into who is interested and Margaret Heurtematte will probably coordinate.

Joyce Foster brought up our support for the legislative liaison. We have been allotting \$350.00 a year. There was a brief description of the issues the liaison has worked on recently.

Helen Robertson moved we appropriate \$350.00 to support the legislative liaison this year. The motion was seconded and passed.

Helen Robertson then brought up the issue of placing a book in the library in memory of Dee Rose, a past president and early leader of the Friends. This topic had been tabled at the October meeting. Antiques was suggested as a possible topic.

Helen moved we appropriate up to \$50.00 for a book in memory of Dee Rose. The motion was seconded and passed.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The next news letter will go out around January 31 and January 20 is the deadline for articles.

The next part of the agenda dealt with Library requests and other information.

The Library is interested in a special 3M film for some windows, especially in the Children's Area. Books that are exposed to strong sunlight are fading and warping and that area gets so hot it is difficult to use at times. We also heard about some medical benefits for some users. The request is to fund half the cost up to \$2,000.00.

Helen Robertson moved we allocate up to \$2,000.00 for the 3M film installation. The motion was seconded and passed.

Annie mentioned that the doll display has been moved because of the threat of water damage. The quilt that hangs framed in the library needs conservation. The Friends were involved in the project that produced the quilt. The Salem Museum may be interested in the quilt. Annie is looking into this idea and wanted our group's opinion. Reaction was positive. A display case we purchased for the library needs to be removed. The mechanism is broken and cannot be fixed. We were assured of use of a different display case before the sale if we need it.

The next order of business was the election of officers for 2017 and board members for three year terms.

Charlie Draper moved we elect the slate as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

Officers for 2017:

President - Ken Sosnowski

Vice-president – John Spruhan

Secretary – Susan Ahalt

Treasurer – Joyce Foster

Board members for 3 year terms:

Sara Ahalt

Charlie Draper

Gail Evans

Helen Robertson

Betty Waldron

Ken announced that the next meeting is March 12, 2017, and the Board of Directors will meet following that meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05.

Susan Ahalt, Secretary